



## Josh Conway - President

### Why are you applying for the Alumni Association Executive? (150 words)

Since first starting EYP in 2017, I have grown exponentially more passionate about the organisation, and want to help it grow and expand even further than it already has. Having had a rewarding year as the Alumni Development officer I would love to have the opportunity to guide the new year's executive to further advance EYPUK. As Alumni Development officer I have proven I am organised and committed, developing my knowledge of both EYPUK and the wider EYP network. Following the turmoil of the past year, I am well aware that this term is going to be unlike any we have seen recently, but I am confident that I will be able to guide the alumni executive in a way that continues to move us forward, while making sure that we can maintain and expand upon our standard annual program.

### What would your aims and priorities be in this role? How would you pursue them? (250 words)

This year particularly, it is essential that as the president I can be an aid and facilitator to the other members of the alumni executive. Following the disruption to our annual calendar it is likely that there will be larger workloads across many of the executive positions, as president I would provide support to anyone who needed it, particularly in regard to ensuring events like Eurvoice and our regional forums continue at the high standard we have previously provided. I also want to use the framework provided by this year's executive to realise the multi-day regional at Merseyside.

Perhaps more importantly, looking forward to this year and the future of EYPUK, I have clear goals that I hope the executive can achieve and ideas that I would like to table. The OMW weekend was a true success and I hope to make sure we don't abandon online events after lockdown, and I am keen to work with comms and alumni development to make sure we can continue to engage with new members and existing alumni. I would also move to expand on our regular physical events, supporting both a second ATW and additional Eurvoice events.

I am extremely excited to work with the newly formed working group on diversity and inclusion. EYP is undeniably a disproportionately white space and I am eager to help in any way I can to diversify our organisation and start to truly represent the ideals we stand for. We have a responsibility to advocate for social change and champion diversity and inclusivity while retaining and respecting our political impartiality.



What skills and experience (within or without EYP) do you have that will help you in this role?  
How will you use these skills for the benefit of EYPUK? (250 words)

My experiences both inside and outside of EYP mean I am confident in my ability to lead a team. From head organising a national session to being musical director for high level performance ensembles, I have proven myself to be responsible engaged and effective when leading both large and small teams. I can use these experiences to facilitate a unified and dynamic working environment within the executive.

Anyone who knows me can also attest to the fact I have boundless energy and enthusiasm and passion. Due to this passion I hold myself to a high standard and do my utmost to ensure all the work I do is something that I am proud of. When leading a team, this attitude positively impacts the work ethic of those I am working with and I am confident through this I can aid the work of the exec, both in their individual spheres and as a greater whole.

I think the most important ability I can bring to the role is my approachability and people skills. I pride myself on being able to quickly form meaningful and genuine relationships with people and facilitate the creation of relationships between others. This is a key role for the president. A friendly working environment is a catalyst for success, as president my first goal would be to establish this environment, between both the individual members of the exec, and the exec and trustees. These traits will enable me to represent EYPUK to the wider EYP network. In parts of Europe EYPUK has an undeserved reputation for being insular and self-selecting, I am confident that I will be able to represent the true EYPUK, showing we are an open friendly NC to visit, something I think is particularly important to emphasise in a post Brexit climate.

Anything else you'd like to add?

There's so much more I would love to mention, but its impossible to fit everything In a manifesto, so please if you have any questions regarding what I have written or anything else do ask them in the hustings! This year in the exec has been wonderful, and I cannot say how much I would appreciate another.

Thankyou for reading and best of luck to all those running!

All the best,

Josh